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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
AFGHANISTAN

IPF: (1987-91) $60 400 000

(AFG/91/007) - UN Data-Base and Documentation for Afghanistan
(UNIDATA - Phase II)

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| Date of approval by the AC:[1] | 29 January 1992 | |
| Expected duration: | Two years | |
| Proposed executing agency: | UNDP/OPS | |
| Proposed UNDP contribution: | $697 500 | Source of funds: IPF |
| Third-party costsharing: | $254 000 | Source of funds: UNOCA/ Afghanistan Emergency Trust Fund |
| Total UNDP budget: | $951 500 | |

Project background

The first phase of the UNIDATA project (AFG/88/002) started in September 1989 following the appointment of the Co-ordinator for the United Nations Humanitarian and Economic Assistance Programmes Relating to Afghanistan (UNOCA) in 1988. The project's basic objective was to assist in the planning and formulation of rehabilitation activities in the context of the expected political settlement and the large-scale repatriation of millions of Afghan refugees. Unfortunately, in the absence of a settlement, no such large-scale repatriation took place. Furthermore, the project's central office, located in Geneva, had difficulties supervising the implementation of project activities through field offices located in Tehran, Islamabad, Quetta, Peshawar, Kabul and Mazar.

The July 1991 evaluation of the first phase of the project recommended the funding of a better focussed second phase which could respond more effectively to the needs for socio-economic data required for the formulation of reconstruction and rehabilitation programmes for Afghanistan. The proposed project AFG/91/007 will therefore replace AFG/88/002 which is scheduled to terminate in March 1992.

[1] This Fact Sheet reflects the status of the project/revision at the time it was approved by the Action Committee; modifications to the project/revision may have occurred subsequently.

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## Description of project

The immediate objective of the project is to establish an information system capable of collecting, analysing, updating and disseminating data relevant to the rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan. The project will complete activities which could not be completed under AFG/88/002: mainly the task of data collection and completion of socio-economic profiles of the remaining 21 provinces in Afghanistan, completion of a macro-level data-base on the key sectors of Afghan economy and the establishment of a reference/ documentation unit on Afghanistan.

In addition, the proposed project will establish a methodology to update the sectoral data/information, and will provide technical support to Operation Salam as well as data/information and data processing backstopping services to UN agencies, NGOs and bilateral donors providing assistance to Afghanistan. The proposed project will, therefore, provide information and services essential for the formulation of present and future reconstruction and rehabilitation programmes for Afghanistan.

## Inputs

UNDP will provide 24 work-months for a CTA expert in data collection and analysis, 48 work-months of UNV specialists in computer programming and information management, and six work-months of consultancies in data/information analysis and presentation; local personnel; a subcontract for documentation services through Pakistan-based NGOs; and miscellaneous costs. UNOCA will fund two programme officers (24 work-months), who will be located at the UNOCA offices in Geneva and Islamabad. Local personnel and associated cost of these two liaison offices will also be funded by UNOCA.

## Financial data

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| Personnel | 515 500 |
| Subcontract | 25 000 |
| Training | 50 000 |
| Equipment | 50 000 |
| Miscellaneous | 57 000 |
| Total | 697 500 |

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